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75 AND FY 76

REFS: A. MANILA 14346

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1. WE HAVE REVIEWED MISSION PROPOSALS (REF A) IN LIGHT
OF ASSESSMENT OF NARCOTICS SITUATION IN PHILIPPINES PER
REFS C&D, SPECIFIC COMMENTS FOLLOW.

2. CANU - GIVEN IMPORTANCE OF CANU TO PHILIPPINE NARCOTICS
PROGRAM, WE BELIEVE HIGHER PRIORITY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO CANU
TRAINING IN ORDER TO ACCELERATE TRAINING CANU PERSONNEL
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ON SCHEDULE AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED. IF DELAYS THIS SCHEDULE

UNAVOIDABLE, WILL CONSIDER ADDITIONAL YEAR OF FUNDING FOR THIS PHASE OF PROJECT. HOWEVER, NEED MISSION ASSURANCE THAT CANU TRAINING CANNOT BE SPEEDED UP IN FY 1975, AND EARLY FY 1976 IN ORDER TO COMPLETE SUPPORT FOR 19 CANU TEAMS. PLEASE SUBMIT FIRM TRAINING SCHEDULE AGREED UPON WITH GOP FOR COMPLETION OF CANU TRAINING.

3. WHILE WE AGREE IN PRINCIPLE TO PROPOSED SUPPORT OF CUSTOMS AND HEREBY APPROVE FUNDING FOR FIVE CUSTOMS TEAMS

IN FY 1975 (REF B), WE WOULD APPRECIATE FURTHER EXPLANATION CONCERNING NUMBER OF TEAMS ENVISAGED IN YOUR PROPOSAL. WE CONCERNED ABOUT IMPLICATIONS OF QUOTE NATIONWIDE COVERAGE UNQUOTE, PARTICULARLY GIVEN SCARCITY OF INFORMATION ON ACTUAL NARCOTICS TRAFFIC. THEREFORE, REQUEST FURTHER INFORMATION ON WHERE ADDITIONAL TEAMS FOR FY 76 WOULD BE BASED AND WHAT CONTRIBUTION THEY WOULD MAKE IN AREAS THEY WILL BE STATIONED. EVEN IF ADDITIONAL TEAMS APPEAR TECHNICALLY SOUND, WE BELIEVE IT DESIRABLE TO DEFER FINAL DECISION ON FY 76 FUNDING UNTIL CUSTOMS LEADERSHIP DEMONSTRATES SERIOUSNESS OF ITS INTENT TO CARRY THROUGH ON NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT.

4. RE ASAC, UNDERSTAND ASAC IS PLANNING TO FIELD 12 TRAINED NARCOTICS TEAMS TO BE STATIONED THROUGHOUT COUNTRY: SUPPORT TO FIVE IS ALREADY IN THE NCAP (FY 74), AND MISSION PROPOSES TO SUPPORT FOUR MORE IN FY75 AND THREE IN FY 76. WOULD APPRECIATE ADDITIONAL RATIONALE FOR HAVING SPECIAL ASAC NARCOTICS TEAMS DEPLOYED THROUGHOUT COUNTRY IN VIEW OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF OTHER GOP AGENCIES IN THIS FIELD. EXPLANATION SHOULD IDENTIFY PROPOSED FUNCTIONS OF TEAMS, REGIONS TO WHICH ASSIGNED, AND CONTRIBUTION THEY WOULD MAKE IN THEIR AREAS OF ASSIGNMENT.

5. POLICE ACADEMY - WE APPROVE SUPPORT OF THE NATIONAL POLICE ACADEMY AS PROPOSED FOR FY 75 (REF B). HOWEVER, BEFORE APPROVING FY 76 FUNDS FOR NINE REGIONAL POLICE ACADEMIES WE WOULD APPRECIATE COMMENT ON TYPES OF EQUIPMENT TO BE PROVIDED AND HOW IT WOULD MESH WITH EQUIPMENT PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED UNDER PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAM. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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6. SINCE ALL FY 75 FUNDS PROVIDED FOR CANU SUPPORT PROGRAM WILL NOT ACTUALLY BE DISBURSED AND ASSISTANCE IMPLEMENTED UNTIL FY 76, REQUEST MISSION RECOMMENDATION RE EXTENSION OF AID NARCOTICS ADVISOR ROBERT LONG, PER PARA 7, REF B.

7. WOULD APPRECIATE REPLY ASAP. WE PREPARED NOW TO SEND MANILA ALLOCATION FOR FY 75 PROGRAM AS PROPOSED MANILA

14346 PARAGRAPH 12 EXCLUDING SUPPORT FOR ASAC.

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